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Laurie Fowler, Treasurer Republican Campaign Committee of New Mexico 5301 Central Ave. NE, Suite 103 Albuquerque, NM 87108

Identification Number:

C00020818

Reference:

October Quarterly (7/1/02-9/30/02)

Dear Ms. Fowler:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-The beginning cash balance of this report should equal the ending balance of your July Quarterly Report (4/1/02-6/30/02). Please clarify this discrepancy and amend any subsequent report(s) that may be affected by this correction.

-Your calculations for Lines 6 and 7, Column B appear to be incorrect. Please provide the corrected totals on the Summary Page.

-Your calculations for Line 8 appear to be incorrect. Cash-on-hand at the close of the current reporting period should always equal the closing calendar year-to-date cash-on-hand amount. Please provide the corrected total on the Summary Page.

The totals listed on Lines 11(a)(iii), 11(d), 17, 19, 20, 21(b), 21(c), 30, and 31, Column B of the Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B totals. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

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-Schedule B of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(a) prohibits a multicandidate committee and its affiliates from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election.

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If any contribution you made exceeds the limits, you must request a refund of the excessive amount or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.2(b) within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt.

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund of the excessive amount.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memoentries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.1(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

-Please amend Schedule B supporting Line 23 by providing the office sought (House, Senate or President), state and congressional district, if applicable for each contribution made. 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3)(ii) and (v)

On Schedule H2, you disclose the ratio for Lincoln Dinner 2002 and Roswell Event 2002 to be new; however, Schedule H2 of your Amended 12 Day Pre-Primary Report received 5/24/02 Report disclosed a ratio for this activity/event which is identical to the one given in this report. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy. 11 CFR §104.10(a)(1)

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-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "Supplies" and "Entertainment". For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

-Please clarify all expenditures made for "Television Advertising – Rally", "Radio Advertising", "Newspaper Advertising" on Schedule(s) H4. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates, this amount should be disclosed on Schedules B, E or F supporting Lines 23, 24 or 25 and include the amount, name, address and office sought by each candidate. 11 CFR §§104.3(b) and 105.1

-On Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) of the Detailed Summary page, you have indicated "2001 Lincoln Dinner LD2001" as the unique identifier code. This does not reflect the unique identifier code that has been disclosed on Schedule H2. 11 CFR § 104.10 Please amend this report to provide the correct unique identifying title or code on Schedule H2 and H4.

-For your information, all contributions received that aggregate \$200 or less per individual for the calendar year should be reported on Line 11(a)(ii). Contributions received aggregating over \$200 per individual for the calendar year should be reported on Line 11(a)(i) and itemized on Schedule A.

-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Transfers from affiliated/other party committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedele A, supporting Line 12 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions contained on the forms to determine the proper categorization when preparing your next filing.

A response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended.

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If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number. (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 594-1130.

Sincerely,

Colleen Manning

Senior Campaign Finance Analyst

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